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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Suong-Hyu HYON et al.

Serial Number: 08/640,738

Art Unit: 3308

Filed: May 6, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE MOLDED ARTICLE FOR
ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 5, 1997

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 6, 1997 for one month from November 6, 1997 to December 6, 1997.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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